

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS

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1. A resource load measuring method for measuring load information of resources within a network, comprising:

10 measuring the load information of the resources at measuring intervals and storing measured load information in a storage section;

15 predicting load information of the resources according to a prediction algorithm and storing predicted load information in the storage section; and

adjusting the measuring intervals based on the measured load information and the predicted load information stored in the storage section.

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25 2. The resource load measuring method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the predicted load information is predicted based on time-varying information in the measured load information.

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35 3. The resource load measuring method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the predicted load information is predicted based on at least one error between present measured load information and previous measured load information.

4. The resource load measuring method as  
claimed in claim 1, wherein the measuring intervals  
are adjusted based on at least one error between the  
measured load information and the predicted load  
5 information.

10 5. The resource load measuring method as  
claimed in claim 1, wherein the measuring, the  
predicting and the adjusting are carried out by a  
network control apparatus within the network, and  
the resources include communication nodes within the  
15 network.

20 6. The resource load measuring method as  
claimed in claim 1, wherein the measuring, the  
predicting and the adjusting are carried out by a  
communication node within the network, in response  
to an instruction from a network control apparatus  
25 within the network, and the resources are provided  
within communication node.

30 7. A network control apparatus coupled  
within a network having resources and controlling  
the network, comprising:  
35 a storage section;  
a measuring section to measure load information  
of the resources at measuring intervals and to store  
measured load information in the storage section;

a predicting section to predict load information of the resources according to a prediction algorithm and to store predicted load information in the storage section; and

5       an adjusting section to adjust the measuring intervals based on the measured load information and the predicted load information stored in the storage section.

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8. The network control apparatus as claimed in claim 7, wherein said predicting section  
15 predicts the predicted load information based on time-varying information in the measured load information.

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9. The network control apparatus as claimed in claim 7, wherein said predicting section predicts the predicted load information based on at least one error between present measured load information and previous measured load information.  
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10. The network control apparatus as claimed in claim 7, wherein said adjusting section adjusts the measuring intervals based on at least one error between the measured load information and the predicted load information.  
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11. A communication node coupled within a network having a network control apparatus, comprising:

- a plurality of resources;
- 5 a storage section;
- a measuring section to measure load information of the resources at measuring intervals and to store measured load information in the storage section;
- 10 a predicting section to predict load information of the resources according to a prediction algorithm and to store predicted load information in the storage section; and
- 15 an adjusting section to adjust the measuring intervals based on the measured load information and the predicted load information stored in the storage section, in response to an instruction from the network control apparatus.

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12. The communication node as claimed in claim 11, wherein said predicting section predicts the predicted load information based on time-varying information in the measured load information.

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30 13. The communication node as claimed in claim 11, wherein said predicting section predicts the predicted load information based on at least one error between present measured load information and previous measured load information.

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14. The communication node as claimed in  
claim 11, wherein said adjusting section adjusts the  
measuring intervals based on at least one error  
between the measured load information and the  
5 predicted load information.

10           15. A computer-readable storage medium  
which stores a computer program for causing a  
computer to measure load information of resources  
within a network, said computer program comprising:

15           a procedure to cause the computer to measure  
the load information of the resources at measuring  
intervals and to store measured load information in  
a storage section;

20           a procedure to cause the computer to predict  
load information of the resources according to a  
prediction algorithm and to store predicted load  
information in the storage section; and

25           a procedure to cause the computer to adjust the  
measuring intervals based on the measured load  
information and the predicted load information  
stored in the storage section.

30           16. The computer-readable storage medium  
as claimed in claim 15, wherein the predicted load  
information is predicted based on time-varying  
information in the measured load information.

17. The computer-readable storage medium  
as claimed in claim 15, wherein the predicted load  
information is predicted based on at least one error  
between present measured load information and  
5 previous measured load information.

10 18. The computer-readable storage medium  
as claimed in claim 15, wherein the measuring  
intervals are adjusted based on at least one error  
between the measured load information and the  
predicted load information.

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20 19. The computer-readable storage medium  
as claimed in claim 15, wherein the measuring, the  
predicting and the adjusting procedures are carried  
out within the computer which forms a network  
control apparatus within the network, and the  
resources include communication nodes within the  
25 network.

30 20. The computer-readable storage medium  
as claimed in claim 15, wherein the measuring, the  
predicting and the adjusting procedures are carried  
out by the computer which forms a communication node  
within the network, in response to an instruction  
35 from a network control apparatus within the network,  
and the resources are provided within communication  
node.